



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 9th December 2008 at Holybourne Village Hall

Present: Karen Bennett (KB) – Chairman Phil Croucher (PC) Ben Kemp (BK)
David Godfrey (DG) – Secretary James Bull (JB) John Honnor (JH)
Vickie Kemp (VK) – Treasurer Barrie Lawrence (BL) Glynis Watts (GW)
Nick Cane (NC) David Tomlinson (DT) Steve Downes (SD)

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 20-08 hrs.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from:- Vernon Burford (VB), Lynn Kelly (LK), Andy Maddock (AM), David Willoughby (DW), Pat Lerew (PL) and Tom Yendell (TY).

Jerry Janes was unable to attend.

3. Minutes of November 2008 Meeting

Agree minutes of November 2008 meeting.

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

Matters arising from the minutes.

Item 5.2 NC advised that white bread is detrimental to the wildfowl and he will arrange for notices to be placed in the immediate area of the pond.

Signing of the minutes.

The minutes were signed by KB Chairman.

4. Judging of Christmas Tree Presents

The committee judged the entries submitted by the children from Andrews Endowed School. Five prizes were awarded after much deliberation, due to the very high standards. KB will arrange for the prizes to be delivered to the school and for the beautifully wrapped presents to be placed on the Village Christmas Tree.

5. Neighbourhood Watch

Once again the local police had failed to attend and advise how these schemes work.

SD stated he would contact the station officer in charge and arrange for a speaker to attend the January meeting.

6. SHIFT

NC advised that the SHIFT report was in hand and would be presented to the committee shortly.

Alton Town Partnership (ATP) will be holding an open meeting/presentation on the 28th February 2009 between 10-00am & 2-00pm. The agenda will include items such as The Core Strategy, The Governments New Target for Alton and where new houses may be built.

The meeting is to be held at the Alton Community Centre. It would be helpful for as many members of the committee to attend this meeting. The outline of the future effects on Alton and Holybourne's growth plans will be on show.

7. Friends of the Pond Update

The committee wished to thank the owner of the property located adjacent to the pond for the splendid Owl carving recently carried out on one of their dying boundary trees. Those visiting the pond would benefit from this added attraction.

8. Planning and Development

One minor application had been lodged with EHDC during the period.

GW advised that the proposed A31 Petrol Station Development team had arranged a meeting with the EHDC Planners prior to Christmas.

GW advised that the HVA would be contacted by the development team in the New Year.

9. HVA Members Open Forum (note that items for the open forum may be time limited by the Chairman)

BL advised that the Village Magazine would be distributed by the end of the second week in December.

JH had noted that the new Linden Homes Development in London Road had recently laid new tarmacadam footpaths. With the recent frosty mornings, these paths were very dangerous to negotiate. GW advised that she would raise the matter with EHDC and Highways.

It was noted that several trees had been felled behind the new houses at the bottom of Howard's Lane; it was thought that these trees did not carry TPO's.

An elderly resident in Thornton End had requested assistance from the committee regarding a large tree to the rear of her home that had now almost entirely blocked out the light from her lounge and kitchen. The committee would look at ways they may be able to help.

DG advised the meeting that the Countryside Service Recreation & Heritage Department have confirmed that the work required to bring the section of public footpath between Howard's Lane and Anstey Park back into good repair is to be dealt with as a priority. The contract to resurface this route has been awarded to a contractor and scheduled to commence shortly.

10. Treasurers Report

VK wished to thank the Webmaster, Dave Budd for the advertising space that he had sold on the Village Website.

VK advised that the Christmas tree had been paid for and that arrangements were in hand for the proceeds (part) from the Fun Day to be sent to the Hampshire Air Ambulance Fund.

11. Greater Alton Project

The Rev'd James Croft had contacted the HVA to report that all Anglican Churches and the Methodist Church have unanimously agreed to the proposal to form a single Anglican Parish in covenant with the Methodist Church in order to engage together in mission and ministry. James would further advise the HVA of progress during 2009.

12. Any Other Business

A new resident in Howard's Lane had raised concerns regarding the high volume of traffic using this road. NC stated he would ask HCC if any traffic calming schemes could be placed in the area / village generally. Traffic levels have become noticeably heavier in the village as a result of new developments and Treloars insistence in using Howard's Lane, as against their main entrance.

The carol singing event will commence at 7-00pm outside the White Hart public house Tuesday 16th December.

The Christmas tree will be decorated Wednesday 10th December.

13. Date of next Meeting

Date of the next HVA Meeting, Tuesday 13th January 2009.

14. Close of Meeting

- 14.1 The meeting closed at 21-00 hrs. Everyone is wished a very happy Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.